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Meeting Notice and Agenda**Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy**

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**Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Advisory Committee**

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Pedro Nava, *Ex Officio Member, California Coastal Commission*
Maria Elena Durazo, *Alternate for Pedro Nava, Ex-Officio Member, California Coastal Commission*
Steve Horn, *Ex Officio Member, State Coastal Conservancy*
Jody Cook, *Ex Officio Member, Supervisor, Angeles National Forest*

Senator Sheila Kuehl, *Legislative Participant*
Senator Jack Scott, *Legislative Participant*
Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg, *Legislative Participant*
Assemblymember Paul Koretz, *Legislative Participant*
Assemblymember Fran Pavley, *Legislative Participant*

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, *Executive Director*
Rorie A. Skei, *Chief Deputy Director*

John A. Saurenman, *Supervising Deputy Attorney General*

Date: October 27, 2003

Time: 7:30 p.m. — Meeting Convenes
Public Testimony 8:00 p.m. to conclusion or 9:00 p.m. — whichever is earlier; Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations — 9:00 p.m. or at the conclusion of the public testimony to adjournment.

Location: Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center, Stewart Hall
15601 Sunset Boulevard
Pacific Palisades, California

Directions to Meeting: From the intersection of Sunset Boulevard and Temescal Canyon Road, turn north on Temescal Canyon Road. Proceed approximately 3/4 mile and park in the second parking lot (near the main office). Follow signs to Stewart Hall.

Dinner: A light supper will be available in the Dining Hall at 6:00 p.m. for purchase by Conservancy and Advisory Committee members and the general public for \$5.00. Members of the public wishing to purchase dinner should notify the Board Secretary by 3:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the meeting by calling (310) 589-3200 ext. 118.

1. Call to Order.
2. Administration of Oath of Office to Pedro Nava.
3. Roll Call of Conservancy.
4. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.
5. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.
6. Approval of Minutes.
7. Reports:
 - a) Chairperson's Report;

- b) Coastal Commission Report;
- c) Attorney General's Report;
- d) National Park Service Report;
- e) State Parks Report;
- f) Forest Service Report;
- g) Legislative Report;
- h) Oral reports by staff;
- i) Questions to staff.

8. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

9. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

Note: The period between 8:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. has been set aside for public testimony. No public testimony will be taken after 9:00 p.m. The public hearing begins at 8:00 p.m. In the event that all speakers have been heard prior to 9:00 p.m., or upon completion of public hearing, whichever occurs first, the public hearing will be closed and the Conservancy and Advisory Committee deliberations will begin. Individuals will be allowed three minutes to speak and representatives of organizations/agencies will be allowed five minutes to speak. Speaker times may be reduced depending on the number of speakers.

10. Consent Calender:

- (a) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Canyon Hills project, Verdugo Mountains.
- (b) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Calabasas on the Notice of Preparation for the La Entrada on Las Virgenes Road Project.
- (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on the Notice of Preparation for the Stephen S. Wise Middle School Relocation Project, Mulholland Drive.
- (d) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 2.77 acres (APN 2274-018-013) along Camino de la Cumbre, using funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Sherman Oaks, and recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority advance funds for an acquisition deposit.
- (e) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately a 10 acre portion of APN 5561-003-013, Thrasher Avenue, using funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.
- (f) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 1 acre, Cerillos Drive property (APNs 2170-001-029, 030, 031), using funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2, Woodland Hills.
- (g) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority acquire approximately 2.3 acres, Coldwater Canyon Lane property (APN 2385-023-014), using funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1, Los Angeles.
- (h) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept private and public funds to extend existing land contracts for pending acquisitions within Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District Nos. 1 and 2.
- (i) Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to the Mountain Lion Foundation, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, for a public information campaign on wildlife conservation at the urban interface.
- (j) Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for project planning and design services for the Vista Hermosa Park Project.

- (k) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority apply for a United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grant.
 - (l) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Stuart M. Ketchum Downtown YMCA, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, for the operation and management of the soccer field at Vista Hermosa Park, Los Angeles.
11. Consent Calendar of Coastal Items:
- (a) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority accept the following offers-to-dedicate trail easements: Watts / P-5-82-219 located on Zumirez Drive, east of Kanan, north of Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu; Anyon / P-5-82-279 located on Winding Way, north of Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, and McCarty & Frankel / P-5-82-359 located north of Latigo Canyon Road, east of Kanan Road, unincorporated Los Angeles County.*
 - (b) Consideration of resolution recommending that the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority sell a 0.63 acre parcel (APN 4452-018-903) in lower Malibu Canyon in the Serra Retreat area to an adjacent homeowner, such sale being subject to a conservation easement and other conditions, Malibu.*
 - (c) Consideration of resolution authorizing a letter of intent to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for support of a Reconnaissance Study for a Lower Ballona Creek Watershed Management Plan.*
 - (d) Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Coastal Commission and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority regarding the administration of the Coastal Habitat Impact Mitigation Fund, Los Angeles County*
12. Presentation by Andy Lipkis, President of TreePeople and Kathleen Bullard, Chief of the Watershed Planning Division, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, on the opportunities for implementation of Chapter 8 of the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) through an integrated regional water management program in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed.
13. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementation of the *San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan* pursuant to Section 79508 of the Water Code, by development of an integrated regional water management program in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed.
14. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to TreePeople, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, to assist in the development of an integrated regional water management program in the Upper Los Angeles River watershed.
15. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant to TreePeople, a tax exempt nonprofit organization, for the Center for Community Forestry in Coldwater Canyon Park, Los Angeles, from Proposition 50 funds designated for nature and conservation education centers.
16. Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 50 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to establish a matching grant program to develop a Watershed Education and Visitor Center on Laskey Mesa as defined in the adopted Ahmanson Ranch Project Plan.
17. Consideration of resolution authorizing a matching grant of Proposition 40 funds to the National Park Service (Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area) for completion of the Simi Hills vegetation mapping project.
18. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Work Plans.*
19. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action related to purchase and sale agreement with Washington Mutual Bank for the property commonly known as Ahmanson Ranch. Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission*,

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission; Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority v. Soka University of America, and related cross-complaint: Soka University of America v. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

20. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

*Coastal Zone item upon which the ex officio member appointed by the California Coastal Commission may vote.

MRCA NOTICE: The Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will hold a special meeting pursuant to Section 54956 of the Government Code in conjunction with the Conservancy meeting.

Note: In order to save the expense of duplicating and mailing written materials, the Conservancy and Advisory Committee members will receive meeting materials electronically. Staff reports and other documents will not be mailed to the members nor will they be sent to local public libraries. Most libraries have internet access so the public will continue to have free access to meeting materials on the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy World Wide Web site at <http://www.smmc.ca.gov>. Prior to the meeting, documents that persons would like forwarded to Conservancy and Advisory Committee members must be submitted in Microsoft Word format (MSWord 97 for Windows or above) via e-mail no later than 3:00 p.m. the Friday prior to the Conservancy meeting. Such materials should be sent to boardsec@smmc.ca.gov and in the subject line identify the agenda item number or other subject of the communication. At the meeting the Conservancy and Advisory Committee will accept written communications (46 copies should be submitted in order to have one for each Conservancy and Advisory Committee member, a copy for the Board Secretary, and a public review copy).

The Conservancy may hold a closed session on any public hearing item pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a) and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code.

For further information on any agenda item please contact Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director at (310) 589-3200, extension 112.

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